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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR — The  
closing rate of the dollar on  
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## NEW BRITISH AIR SERVICE.

England to South  
Africa.  
EVERY WEEK.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
On Wednesday a thirty-eight  
seater aeroplane will set out from  
Croydon on the first stage of its  
eight thousand miles' journey to  
Cape Town, and thereafter a regu-  
lar weekly service in both  
directions, between London and  
South Africa, is projected.

After a month of trial trips  
with mails only, passengers will  
be taken.

The aeroplanes will cover the  
distance in eleven days, which,  
it is hoped, will later be reduced  
to nine days.

The fare has been provisionally  
fixed at £130, including ac-  
commodation en route.

Five types of aircraft, includ-  
ing giant flying boats, will be  
used during each journey.—Brit-  
ish Wireless Service.

## BURMA RICE.

Reduced Exportable  
Surplus.

London, Yesterday.  
The Government of Burma re-  
ports that the exportable sur-  
plus of rice is likely to be con-  
siderably less than was expected,  
owing to the failure of the late  
rains.—Reuter.

[India and Burma together  
are estimated to yield 35 million  
tons of rice.]

## M. BRIAND AND SIR JOHN SIMON.

Paris, Yesterday.  
M. Briand, replying to Sir  
John Simon's letter, says that

## GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN INDIA

### A BOMB EXPLOSION?

Two Chinese  
Injured.

People in the vicinity of No.  
125, Portland Street, at about  
midnight last night were startled  
to hear a terrific explosion on the  
first floor of that address. The  
cause of the explosion is so far  
unknown, but it is not unlikely  
that a bomb had been placed there.

On investigation two Chinese  
men were found to have been  
slightly injured. They were re-  
moved, later, to the Kowloon Hos-  
pital.

Considerable damage was done  
to the landing, a large hole being  
blown in the floor. The door of  
the house was practically destroyed.

A quantity of small pieces of  
metal were picked up around the  
place where the detonation occur-  
red.

### U.S. AND THE GOLD STANDARD.

New York, Yesterday.  
The United States will not  
abandon the gold standard, ac-  
cording to an assertion made by  
a high banking authority, who  
said that the country's banking  
system was in a splendid posi-  
tion to meet any sudden call from  
foreigners.—Reuter.

he retains the liveliest memories  
of sincere sympathy as a result  
of their all too brief collabora-  
tion in recent months, and offers  
the most cordial wishes for a  
happy accomplishment of Sir  
John Simon's task.—Reuter.

## KILIMANJARO ALMOST SCALED

### BRITISH GIRL'S FEAT AT MOUNTAIN - CLIMBING

WITHIN 2,000 FEET OF TOP.

Remainder of Party Retire with  
Mountain - Sickness.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Dar-es-Salaam, Yesterday.

A young Surrey girl has succeeded in climbing  
alone to within two thousand feet of the summit of  
Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain.

The male members of the party, to which she  
belonged, were overcome by mountain-sickness at  
17,000 feet and had to retire to the nearest rest  
camp.

The young lady is the daughter of Mr. W. H.  
Bingham, a retired African business man.

Kilimanjaro, the great mountain of East Africa, is the highest  
known summit of the continent, rising to a height of 19,720 feet in a  
volcanic cone from a plateau of 3,000 feet. Though completely  
isolated it is but one of the several summits that crown the eastern  
edge of equatorial Africa. It is situated about 200 miles due south  
of Mt. Kenya.

The major axis of Kilimanjaro runs almost east to west, and on it  
rise two principle summits, Kibo in the west and Mawenzi (Ki-  
mawenzi) (16,802 ft.) in the east, Kibo being the higher of the two.  
These two peaks are about 7 miles apart, being separated by a saddle  
or plateau about 14,000 ft. in altitude.

The lava slopes of the Kibo peak are covered to a depth of some  
200 ft. with an ice-cap, which, where rays occur, form genuine  
glaciers. The crater walls are highest on the south, three small peaks  
rising from the rim of this side. The centre and highest of these is  
the culminating point of the mountain, and is called the Kibo  
William's Summit.

Like other mountains in Eastern Africa, Kilimanjaro presents  
well defined zones of vegetation.

## NO-RENT CAMPAIGN FLICKERING OUT

### RETURN TO SANITY

IMPRISONED CONGRESS LEADERS  
SOON FORGOTTEN.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Reports concerning the second week's opera-  
tion of the special Government measures in India  
are reassuring. In most Provinces, notably  
Madras, the Punjab, Bihar and Orissa, Bengal, the  
Central Provinces and Assam, there has been little  
activity, and, apart from the North-West Province,  
a general absence of trouble in rural areas.

The situation in Bombay City is well under  
control, and Congress has received only lukewarm  
support in the rest of the Presidency.

In the United Provinces the failure of the no-  
rent campaign has been a significant feature, and  
in the large towns of the Provinces there is a de-  
finite tendency for disturbances to settle down.

In the North-West Province, although many  
arrests are still necessary and disaffection tends to  
revive in some centres, general improvement con-  
tinues.

In the Bombay Presidency the position gen-  
erally is quiet.

The arrest of leading agitators and the seizure  
of notified places continue. A considerable num-  
ber of those arrested have since been released. In  
several cases disclaimers or apologies have been  
accepted by District Magistrates.

Occasional hartals have received comparative-  
ly little support.

Reports state that the removal of the principal  
agitators has had a salutary effect everywhere.

In the United Provinces orders prohibiting processions and meet-  
ings have been generally obeyed, and much less enthusiasm for the  
no-rent campaign has been shown.

Allahabad is still the worst centre of activity in the United  
Provinces, although no further serious clash between the police and  
processions has occurred.

In Bengal the situation generally is quiet, and the anti-Govern-  
ment movement has not gained momentum.

A decrease of important crime, as compared with the previous  
week, is recorded in Burma, where surrenders continue, particularly in  
the Prome District.—British Wireless Service.

## THE IMPERTURBABLE HINKLER.

Hinkler, who played a game of  
golf on arriving at Casablanca after  
his South Atlantic flight, is an im-  
perturbable fellow, with no non-  
sense about him. The last thing he  
would want to do would be to play  
the hero.

Flying is just the day's work to  
him, as I once discovered, to my  
comfort, during my earlier experi-  
ences of the air, writes a paragraph-  
ist in a London daily.

I had been taken up by a pilot  
who thought it fun to loop and roll  
and generally play the deuce with  
me. There was none of that about  
Hinkler, then, an almost unknown  
flier.

He did his job quietly and well,  
and did not see that thrills and  
stunts had anything to do with it.  
For which I was thankful.

There must come a time in the  
life of every tennis player when he  
or she says, "Is it worth it? Is  
law tennis the only thing in life?"

Are there not other things more im-  
portant? What will be left to me  
when I cannot play any more?

Fame is an ephemeral thing. When  
you are champion the world ap-  
plauds. But what do they care for  
you when another takes your place?

Some think that it is worth it, but  
others answer, "No," and begin to  
turn their minds in other directions.

—H. W. Austin.

## FINE TO CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory's re-  
port issued to-day states:—  
The anti-cyclone is nearly  
stationary to the N.E. of Che-  
foo.

Forecast: — N. E. winds,  
fresh; fine to cloudy.

Rainfall.  
Rainfall for 24 hours' end-  
ed at 10 a.m. to-day — nil.  
Total since January 1—1.51  
inch—deficit 0.58 inch.

Temperature.  
The temperature at certain  
specified centres this morning  
at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	61
Macao	59
Pratas Island	68
Poochow	60
Manila	67
Anoy	58
Chefoo	51
Shanghai	48

You are busy. Yet you  
want to be informed of the  
news of the day. Then turn  
to the back page and glean  
the news. It's there con-  
veniently summarized for  
you.

## BOY - BANDIT SLAIN.

By A Woman  
Single-Handed.

19-YEAR-OLD TERROR.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Bucharest, Yesterday.

Popa, Roumania's nineteen-year-  
old boy bandit, the terror of the  
countryside, has been slain by a  
woman single-handed.

Popa had attacked a party of  
villagers, and, having shot a man,  
was grappling with another, when  
the latter's wife felled him from  
behind with an axe.

## LAUSANNE CONFERENCE.

Will It Meet?

WHO'LL ATTEND?

Paris, Yesterday.

The date of the Lausanne Con-  
ference and the composition of  
the delegations is still undecided,  
according to a semi-official re-  
port of a French agency. It is  
not yet even known if the Con-  
ference will be held, or whether  
the delegates will be the Pre-  
miers and Finance Ministers, or  
the latter only, or simply ex-  
perts.—Reuter.

Washington, Yesterday.  
Both Houses have voted four  
hundred and fifty thousand dollars  
to cover the expenses of the Ameri-  
can delegation to the Disarmament  
Conference.—Reuter's American  
Service.

Negotiations Are Continuing.  
Paris, Yesterday.

While negotiations are actively  
continuing between the Young Plan  
signatories with a view to finding a  
basis for a provisional Reparations  
agreement, there is a growing  
opinion in international circles that  
a definite and detailed solution is,  
at present, out of the question, ac-  
cording to a semi-official statement.

It is believed that France and  
Britain are nearing an agreement,  
but with a view simply to renewing  
the Hoover Moratorium to Germany  
for a further six months or year.

Meanwhile, America's European  
debtors, who are Germany's credi-  
tors, would, according to the same  
statement, make a joint declaration  
demanding identical treatment at  
the hands of the United States Gov-  
ernment as a condition to the exten-  
sion of the moratorium to Germany.  
—Reuter.

## STUDENTS AT IT AGAIN.

Nanking, Jan. 8.  
After keeping quiet for nearly a  
month, students from various parts  
of the country are reviving their  
agitation for a stronger policy  
against Japanese aggression.

Nanking, Jan. 9.

About 500 students from the Nan-  
king University presented a pe-  
tition to President Sun Fo of the  
Executive Yuan this morning, de-  
manding that the Government's  
policy towards Japan be announ-  
ced and that General Chiang Kai-  
shek and Messrs. Wang Ching-wei  
and Hu Han-min be prevailed upon  
to proceed to the Capital as soon  
as possible. The Government was  
also requested to render assistance  
to the military commanders in the  
North-east. The students were re-  
ceived by Dr. Kan Chieh-hou, Ad-  
ministrative Vice-Minister of For-  
eign Affairs.

Delegates from the National  
Central University and from  
schools in Hangchow also appeared  
at the National Government build-  
ing to-day with similar demands.  
A student delegation from Shensi  
is enquiring within the same  
building of the National University  
and the National Central University.

## CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER OFFICES STONED

### ATTEMPT TO BURN DOWN A CONVENT

### STRIKES IN SPAIN

CLASHES BETWEEN SOCIALISTS —  
REPUBLICANS AND TRADITIONALISTS.

Bilbao, Yesterday.

Following a clash between Socialist-Republican supporters and  
Traditionalist, opponents in the new regime in Spain, a mob of  
Socialists and Republicans stoned and attempted to set fire to two  
Catholic newspaper offices and a convent. The Traditionalists fired  
on the attackers, killing three, while several persons, including two  
policemen, were wounded. Infantry were called out, and thirty-five  
Traditionalist leaders arrested.

Socialists and Republicans, in a consequence, have called a gen-  
eral strike as a protest against the action of the Traditionalists. All  
activities have been brought to a standstill. Shops have closed, and  
the streets are deserted.

A crowd of two thousand workers demonstrated in front  
of the prison in Bilbao to-day, and secured the release of three  
Communists arrested following the disorders mentioned in the  
preceding telegram. They carried off the prisoners amid  
triumphal cheers.—Reuter.

### BOMBS FOR CIVIL GUARDS.

At Valencia two bombs were thrown into the barracks of  
the Civil Guard.

Two carabinieri were disarmed by strikers in an affray in  
connection with a strike of metal workers at Sagunto.

At Barcelona six thousand textile operatives have struck  
work.

## THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

Possible French  
Delegation.

U.S. VOTE EXPENSES.

Paris, Yesterday.

The French delegation to the  
Disarmament Conference will be  
appointed to-day by the Council.  
The following Ministers, it is  
understood, will comprise the de-  
legation:—

M. Tardieu (President).  
M. Dumont.  
M. Dumesnil.  
M. Paul Reynaud.  
M. Paul Boncour.—Reuter.

Washington, Yesterday.  
M. Laval is sounding the United  
States regarding the possibility of  
an extension of the Hoover morat-  
orium.—Reuter's American Ser-  
vice.

## THE DISORDERS IN HAWAII

Special Session of  
Legislature.

REVISION OF LAWS.

Honolulu, Yesterday.

The Hawaiian legislature met  
to-day in special session to deal  
with the situation arising out of  
assaults on women.

It is probable that the law en-  
forcement machinery will be  
overhauled, and that "rape with  
violence" will be made a  
capital offence.—Reuter.

Sailing round the world in a 20ft.  
boat for a prize of \$15,000, Aldo  
Nardi, of Sydney, aged 25, has ar-  
rived at Monaco after six and a  
half years' voyaging.

## "WHY ALL THIS BIRTH- CONTROL TALK?"

### CATHOLIC PAPER VOICES A PROTEST

### PROTESTANTS CONFUSED

BIRTH-CONTROL CLINICS DESCRIBED  
AS INFANTICIDE AGENCIES.

Rome, Yesterday.

"Why all this talk of birth control, when statistics show an  
alarming downward grade of natality throughout the white popu-  
lation, while the coloured races on the other hand are increasing,  
says the Osservatore Romano, the organ of the Vatican, in an article  
protesting against the suggestion that there are exceptions to pro-  
hibition of birth control by the Catholic Church.

The article characterises the attitude of Protestants in regard to  
birth control as confused, and remarks, "The Lambeth Conference  
issued an ambiguous condemnation of the practice, and a lady recently  
dedicated for work in connection with the opening of birth con-  
trol clinics, which are actual agencies for infanticide."—Reuter.